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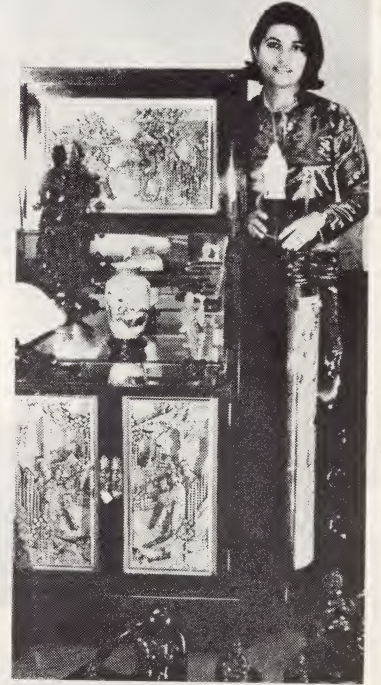
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or your travel agent.

U.S. Customs Duties

Important: Because customs regulations were created primarily for importers of articles for resale, they are highly, complex and voluminous. Therefore none of the duty rates listed below should be considered absolute by the individual traveler. They have been gathered to serve as a general guide only. Some articles have no duty charge. Others such as clocks, are dutiable under more than one rate. It should also be remembered that customs authorities take "wear and tear" into consideration on items like wearing apparel if they have already been worn by the returning traveler. Per cent charges listed are on value of article - ad valorem.

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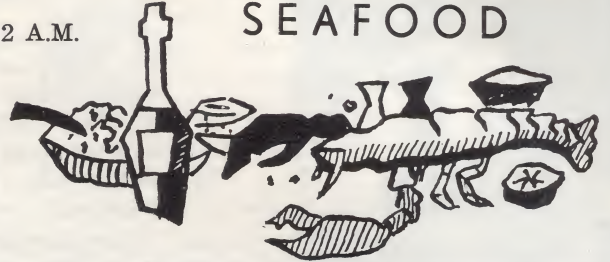
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The average yearly temperature is 82 degrees, with the coolest months January and February and the warmest August and September. The air is lively and sparkling because the humidity averages only 76 per cent. Average annual rainfall is less than 20 inches. Aruba time is 1 hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time and 4 hours earlier than G.M.T.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LANGUAGES

Aruba is the only Caribbean island on which the Indian population was not exterminated. The Aruban today is a descendant of Indians, with a mixture of Spanish and Dutch blood of the early colonizers. Arubans, those born on the island, number about 36,000. All are citizens of the Netherlands. Over 40 nationalities (total population 59,000) living peacefully together on the island.

The Leeward islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao) have a living language of their own — Papiamentu. It is a "lingua franca" that has evolved from Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch with some Indian words. Almost everybody on Aruba speaks Papiamentu, Dutch, Spanish and English.

Watersports



The waters surrounding Aruba are wonderful natural playgrounds. Deep-sea fishing is excellent. The best sport fish in local waters is the Balahu, followed closely by the blue and white marlin.

Skin diving has been popular on Aruba for many years. The waters around the island are exceptionally clear. Underwater visibility of as much as 150 feet is not unusual. As popular as skin diving is waterskiing. Because the Caribbean on the leeward side of Aruba is always calm, it provides a fine course for waterskiiers. Instructors will show the beginner the elements of waterskiing and have him zooming across the turquoise waters in no time.



Boats and equipment are for rent. Guides familiar with local waters are available to show visitors the best places for diving, underwater photography or spearfishing. For the more sedentary, there are glass bottom sightseeing boats that cruise over the island's reefs and sunken wrecks.

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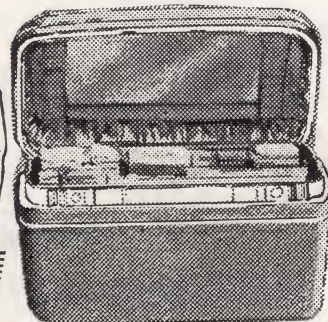
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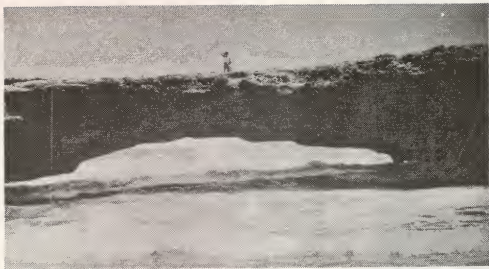
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MONEY:

The currency of Aruba is the Netherlands Antilles Guilder, or Florin, of which the symbol is Fl., or F. The current rate of exchange is Florin 1.85 to the U.S. Dollar or Traveler's Check, and Florin 0.40 to the Bolivar. Many merchants make the rate of exchange even more favorable for tourists by giving a flat 2-for-1 exchange when U.S. dollars are used for purchases.

There are 100 cents to a Guilder. There are silver coins of five, 10 and 25 cents, 1 Guilder and 2½ Guilder, and copper coins of 1 and 2½ cents. The "square nickel" (5 cents) is a popular souvenir. Bills are in denominations of 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250 and 500 Guilders.

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1. You may take back with you, any articles you wish to, provided you pay tax on the amount in excess of the \$100. Tax is levied on the wholesale price of the item paid in the country where it is obtained which price is generally reached by subtracting 40% of the retail value of the article.
2. It is advisable to use the \$100 exemption for the high duty items and to pay duty on the low duty items.
3. Gifts to friends and relatives in the U.S. up to \$10 each are allowed in an UNLIMITED NUMBER provided the addressee does not receive other gift parcels exceeding the \$10 limitation on the same day. This is in addition to the \$100 exemption. Not included in this privilege are gifts of liquor and tobacco whereas perfume at less than one dollar is allowed. On these gifts NO declaration is required and NO tax will be levied.
4. Persons over 21 are permitted DUTY-FREE liquor not exceeding ONE QUART!
5. Merchandise originating in COMMUNIST CHINA, NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM and CUBA IS PROHIBITED in the U.S. However according to the new regulation, goods from Communist China not exceeding \$ 100,— are allowed with your \$ 100 exemption.
6. To pass U.S. customs smoothly, fill out your declaration carefully and keep all dutiable items and sale slips together and in a handy place!!

Remember that you are allowed to take back as much merchandise as you want. All you have to do is to pay duty on what you declare over your \$100.— duty free allowance, and even after duty has been paid upon arrival in the U.S.A., purchases made in Aruba, at free-port prices are still **GOOD BUYS.**

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La unidad monetario de Aruba es el florín de las Antillas Neerlandesas, simbolo del cual es Fl. o F. El tipo de cambio vigente es de F. 1,85 al dólar de los Estados Unidos o F. 0,42 al bolivar venezolano para cheques de viajeros. Muchos comerciantes hacen el tipo de cambio más atractivo, dando 2

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La capital de Aruba es ORANJESTAD, con una arquitectura típicamente holandesa con alguna influencia española. Los edificios están pintados en los brillantes colores característicos del ámbito del Caribe. Grandes trasatlánticos, cargados de pasajeros y de mercancías atracan regularmente en su puerto. Es excitante pasearse en los días de gran tráfico marítimo por los espaciosos muelles. La imaginación vuela tras los nombres de lejanas tierras impresos en las balas de mercancías. Yokohama, Hong Kong, Italia o Nor-

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Una atracción turística es la caleta de Oranjestad donde están anclados innumerables barquichuelos procedentes de diversos lugares del Caribe. Allí se encuentra el bullicioso mercado donde en puestos amplios y soleados, despliegan los barqueros sus tentadoras mercancías.

Llenos de colorido son los puestos de frutas, legumbres, y hortalizas. En este mercado al aire libre los compradores son tan pintorescos como las frutas que allí se venden. Los oídos se nos llenan con la confusa sinfonía de diversos lenguajes.

Junto al mar, muy cerca del puerto, está el bien cuidado **PARQUE WILHELMINA**, así llamado en honor de la reina madre Guillermina de Holanda. En el centro de la plaza, rodeada de flores y de umbrosas alamedas está una hermosa estatua de la recordada reina.

El clima de Aruba está considerado entre los mejores del Caribe. La lluvia es escasa y los días son frescos por el continuo fluir de los vientos Alisios. En este clima seco medra el **DIVI DIVI**, un árbol que, azotado por el continuo batir del viento crece en las más extrañas formas, siguiendo siempre la dirección del viento. Para fines industriales se cultiva el **áloe**, planta liliácea de la cual se extrae un jugo muy amargo usado en medicina. En el campo crecen los cactus; las casas típicas arubanas tienen una pintoresca cerca de cactus. A los arubanos les encantan las flores y se esmeran en cultivarlas. La mayoría de los hogares están rodeados de buganvillas, adelfas, flamboyanes e hibiscos.

Aruba tiene muchos lugares de interés que son dignos de ser visitados. Entre ellos se encuentran las playas de **PALM BEACH** e **EAGLE BEACH** que pueden contarse entre las más bellas del mundo. La blanca arena se extiende por varias millas a lo largo de la costa y declina suavemente hacia las turquesas aguas del Caribe ofreciendo, en su mansedumbre, una excelente oportunidad para esquiar sobre el agua, navegar y nadar. En el mar que circunda nuestra isla pululan una extensa variedad de peces, haciéndolo propicio para los diferentes tipos de pesca.

Un distintivo del paisaje arubano es el **HOOIBERG** (Colina Almiar); para el que desee escalarla hay una escalera que conduce hasta la misma cima.

Al norte de la isla hay bien abrigadas ensenadas que ofrecen sitios ideales para excursiones campestres. Para aquellos a quienes les gusta nadar en un fuerte oleaje este lado de la isla es perfecto. Dos de las más curiosas ensenadas son **ANDICURI** y **DOS PLAYAS**; peñascos imponentes se internan en el mar desafiando el embate de las olas que van a estrellarse contra ellos con estentóreo ruido, formando así un violento contraste con las apacibles arenas de la ensenada. Sumamente interesante es el **PUENTE NATURAL** obra arquitectónica de la naturaleza, socavada en la dura roca por la incesante embestida del mar; no deje de visitarlo así como también a **BOCA DRUIF**, que es una gruta junto a las dunas de **BOCA PRINS**.

El **CUNUCU**, que quiere decir campo en papiamento, está punteado por casitas de vivos colores y por impresionantes formaciones rocosas. Las más imponentes se encuentran en **AYO** y **CASIBARI** donde la naturaleza acumuló una sobre otra tremendas masas de granito de miles de toneladas de peso. En **AYO** Ud. puede explorarlas internándose por intrincados laberintos. En **CASIBARI** está la **BOCA DEL DRAGON**, que es una curiosa formación favorita de los fotógrafos.

Los que están interesados en la cultura autóctona, encontrarán antiguos dibujos indígenas en las paredes de las cavernas de **FONTEIN** y de **CANASHITO**, y en las rocas de **ARIKOK** y **AYO**.

Los espeleólogos hallarán un reto en las grutas de **QUADARIKIRI** y **HULIBA**.

Otro sitio de interés es la iglesia y el cementerio de **SANTA ANA**. La iglesia tiene un magnífico y centenario altar gótico de roble, tallado a mano.

También el **CASTILLO DE LOS PIRATAS** en **BUSHIRIBANA**, montado sobre un promontorio, frente a la costa de barlovento. Las ruinas de este "castillo" son en realidad las ruinas de una vieja mina de oro, reliquia de lo que fuera la primera industria de Aruba. En **BALASHI** están las ruinas de otra mina de oro.

La **LAGUNA ESPAÑOLA** recibió ese nombre por que allí reparaban sus buques los bucaneros españoles. El sitio es conocido hoy por su hermoso y apacible panorama.

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